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SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH USSR
RECOMMENDS N. G. BELEN'SKIY'S SERUM FOR THERAPEUTIC USE

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In connection with many inquiries made in regard to N. G. Belen'skiy's therapeutic serum (LS), the Scientific Council of the Ministry of Health USSR announces that this preparation is being extensively used in therapeutic practice as the best blood substitute produced from heterogenous blood. The other blood substitutes which are available KB-8 and L-103) are at present undergoing clinical tests. On completion of these tests, the Scientific Council of the Ministry of Health USSR will make appropriate recommendations.

Tens of thousands of intravenous transfusions of LS, which have been carried out in various clinics of the USSR, have shown that this therapeutic serum is a very valuable preparation, possessing hemodynamic, hemostatic, detoxifying, and stimulating properties. The proteins of LS are well assimilated by the recipients. Belen'skiy's serum is particularly effective in cases of shock, blood losses, burns, hypoproteinemia, and intoxications.

Although highly effective therapeutically, LS in individual cases produces post-transfusion reactions and complications. For that reason a number of measures has been devised for further improvement of the technological methods to be applied in the plant production of this serum. It is necessary to pay close attention to the indications and contraindications for the application of LS as outlined in special instructions dealing with the transfusion of this serum. Application of certain prophylactic measures is also recommended to prevent post-transfusion reactions.

The Scientific Council, which in February 1954 reviewed extensive clinical experience pertaining to the application of LS, recommends N. G. Belen'skiy's serum as a valuable therapeutic preparation.

Distribution of the therapeutic serum through the oblast blood-transfusion stations and through the Main Pharmacy Administration, Ministry of Health USSR, has been organized.

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